THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The Purulia Pump Storage Scheme (4x225 MW) was cleared by the Planning Commission for investment approval on 9.2.1994. An agreement has been signed with OECF of Japan for funding of the project. Infrastructure works of the project are in progress and the units are planned for commissioning from 2002-2003 AD.

Corruption Charges

811. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of IAS, IPS and other Allied Cadres officers facing corruption charges of some kind or the other till date; and

(b) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Home Affairs is the Cadre Controlling Authority for the IPS officers. The officers belonging to the Central Services are controlled by the various cadre controlling Authorities of the Government of India. This information is not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of the Indian Administrative Service and the Central Secretariat Service (Grade I and above). With regard to the officers of the Indian Administrative Service, the power to deal with the cases of corruption against a Member of the Services rests with the respective State Governments in connection with whose affairs the Member of the Service is serving for the time being. Thus, the Central Government as well as the State Governments, as the case may be, are competent to take action against an Officer belonging to an All India Service. Information in respect of State Governments is not centrally maintained or monitored. In so far as the Officers of the Indian Administrative Service working in the Central Government are concerned, there are six officers who are facing departmental inquiry as on date. Nine IAS officers and one CSS officer are facing trial under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Housing Technology

812. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have initiated a series of steps to make available low cost and appropriate housing technology to all parts of the country through massive expansion of the national network of building centres;

(b) if so, whether the Government have set up 500 rural building centres and 75 mobile building centres in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with their locations; and

(d) whether these have started functioning and if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The national network of building centres launched by the Government in the year 1988 is a grassroot level technology transfer mechanism in the field of housing and building development for dissemination of information on cost effective and appropriate housing technologies in urban and rural areas. As on date, 447 building centres have been sanctioned all over the country, out of which 239 centres have become functional.

(b) to (d). Keeping in view the housing construction needs in rural areas, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has drawn up a plan for setting up rural building centres with Central Government financial assistance. The plan envisages construction of 500 such centres spread over 340 taluks/Tehsils and 75 mobile building centres to be taken up during 1996-2000.

[Translation]

Quantum of Foreign Investment

813. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of foreign investment and collaboration available at present in the food processing sector, production-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of foreign investment, country-wise and

(c) the likely impact of this investment/collaboration on the development of food processing industry and employment generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a). Since liberalisation in the year 1991 to March 1996, details of foreign investment approved sector-wise is given in Statement-I and State-wise in Statement-II, as per available information.

(b) Country-wise details of foreign investment approved in the food processing sector since